News and Views around



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Sarah Scott writes 27 July or thereabouts will see the new 40 mph Speed Buffer Zone being implemented from the windmill to the village entrance in Barley Road.

The Parish Council is investigating better signage at the crossroads in the village, and also dragons' teeth at the entrance into the village on New Road where there is a very definite speeding problem (taken from the Speed Sign data).

If there are any issues you wish the Parish Council to discuss and which are in our remit, please do contact the Clerk, Sarah Scott and she can either answer or investigate your query or make it an agenda item.



Bob Hatt writes: The old boys' youth club had a visit to Tower Bridge on 16 July. 14 OB's were organized by that wizard of precision, Martin Gruselle. It was a brilliant visit, with very nice Greek guide and nobody got lost although at times it was a bit like herding cats! A fabulous day, enjoyed by all.

WINDMILL DANCE GROUP

We have booked Great Chishill Village Hall from Friday 11 Sept for an initial ten weeks. Classes will start at 7.30 and last 1 hour. Don't worry if you have no partner to dance with, you are welcome to come on your own and learn the moves solo. The guide price per individual is £4 per session, so why not give it a go?

The sessions could do with a few more participants, so if you have any friends in neighbouring villages please raise it with them. We have a piece describing the venture appearing shortly in the Elmdon Gazette and the Barkway Diary so, hopefully, we will have a lively group for 11 Sept. Looking forward to it. David and Wendy

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OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR WRITES:

Mind at Melbourn Hub: It's great that efforts to initiate local mental health support at the Melbourn Hub have been successful, with support from the County Council. Several self-referrals have already been made before the first session on July 30 when Mind will be upstairs at the Hub from 9:30-4:00. The service will be monthly at first, increasing to bi-weekly if demand requires. Autumn dates are likely to be Thursdays at the end of the month. Sessions are free and last one hour; the basic premise is practical advice and sign-posting to specialist support if needed. Please ring Katie Barker or Hannah Turner on Tel 01223 311320 for more information to make an appointment. A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign This campaign meets next October 15 at TAP Biosystems in Royston. We are working hard to create a safer walking and cycling link between Royston and Melbourn, as well as help the County Council to develop plans for A10 links to Cambridge.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE **Ride and Stride**

This year's Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 12 September between 10am and 6pm, supporting Christian churches and chapels in Essex and East London. If you would like to take part, details, registration forms and sponsorship forms are available from the church office.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

at Crowley Barn, Chrishall on Friday 25 September, 10.30am – 12 noon. There will be coffee, cakes and a raffle. Everyone very welcome!

Diary Date

The Icknield Way Parish Walk will take place on Saturday 3 **October**. This year's route is slightly different from previous years but will continue to take in each church in the parish. Please join in this fun day to walk and chat with friends old and new. More details to follow in the Village Web.

> The Department for Transport has awarded the County Council funding to help ease congestion in and around the city. So in addition to improvements within Cambridge itself, work will take place this autumn to create a good quality walking and cycle path from Foxton to Harston. Work through Harston itself will follow after consultation. The overall effort to create sustainable transport links in and out of Cambridge has enormous support from business and the NHS, and the A10 campaign plays a key role generating dialogue and exchanging ideas.

> Advice and information Jose Hales and I are at the Melbourn Hub every first Monday of the month from 2:30-3:30 - or please get in touch any time by phone or email. We send out an a monthly email newsletter with practical information, so please let us know if you would like to receive it. Susan van de Ven, Tel 261833, susanvandeven@yahoo.co.uk Jose Hales, Tel 221058, jose@josehales.me.uk



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The Fun Day team would welcome donations for the tombola or raffle. Items can be dropped off at the village hall at Chishill Chimps toddler group Thursdays 10-11.45am or with Emily Brown, Tudor Cottage Hall Lane 836257, or Amy Tait 838958. Many thanks.

After the Ball was Over....

Heartfelt thanks to all who came, enjoyed, supported and contributed to the wonderful Midsummer Ball that raised £9,500 for the church refurbishment fund. Lots of people have sent feedback on the evening, enjoyed by so many in our community. We have noted suggestions for another time! A directory of our sponsors is on the village website. There are some useful and unusual contacts for women - hats, bags and scarves for all occasions, excellent hairdressers for men and women, bespoke jewellery (ideal for a gift). Step in Time is the place if you suffer any kind of pain, particularly back or joint problems. North Norfolk Disabled Holiday homes is an idyllic spot for an ideal and easy holiday. Please do take time to have a look - you never know what you may find!

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

We were delighted that so many people of all ages came to enjoy the music of Saffron Walden County High Jazz Band, the story teller Gillian McClure, the tea, the BBQ and bar and the activities at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party which raised about £1000. The total raised over the weekend was over £10,500. As Andy Colebrooke commented, it was fantastic to see so many new faces. A

huge thank you to you all. Angus Gent

A warm summer's evening, lovely people, yummy food and drink with a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere in the home of Phyllis Bradshaw. Yes, the WI Summer Meeting on 21 July was a great success.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMP

Judy Saunders writes: The competition is now complete. The voting took place at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and also at last Sunday's Service. The winning entries will be displayed in church. May we thank all those who entered the completion. We will inform the village when they are available for purchase.

Help to stay independent, safe and well

Many of us don't think about care and support until we or someone we know need it, then find we are unsure where to find information about getting the care we need.

A new online resource provides information about care and support, including information about continuing to live independently and safely at home, make life easier, get support after a stay in hospital, or about care home and housing options and paying for care and support. You can find out more by visiting www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careandsupp ort

If you do not have access to the Internet, can't find what you need online, or want more information, you can phone 0345 045 5202 or visit any Cambridgeshire Library (also known as community hubs).

BIKES! LOTS OF BIKES!

On Saturday 1 August the RTTC (Road Time Trials) National 25 Women's and Junior Championship will be held on a course that runs through Great Chishill. This is one of the premier events for women's and junior time trialling in the UK. Starting at Wendens Ambo, riders will pass through Great Chishill from around 1:15pm, turning right at the Church, then left at New Road. At the end of New Road they turn towards Barley. Riders start at 1 minute intervals, and with up to 120 riders competing, there will be plenty to watch for nearly two hours. (If the Newsletter's late back from the printers, that's what all those ladies on bikes were up to last weekend!) - Ed

Back in 2011 a group from Coton formed a solar PV panel bulk purchase scheme allowing 75 South Cambs residents to install solar panels at a reduced price. Now they are organising a second scheme, 'eCoton Solar Savers', open to all property owners in South Cambs. If you would like to register interest in this scheme, send an email to ecoton.solarsavers@gmail.com.

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